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where all senators, all cattle are invited (laughter), that would be reported in the aggregate. But if it is entertainment where it is a member who's invited then that would be a...that would be reported individually, if it's over \$5, by the lobbyist. That's the way I read it. Now, if I'm misinterpreting the original amendment, then mine isn't prepared, probably doesn't do what I thought. But...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: Do you read it...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think that...yes, I think that what I'm reading is what you are suggesting here. I just wanted to make certain that I understood what you are attempting to do here. The expenses for such entertainment, admission and gifts for each member of the Legislature, well, I got to think about this, Senator Bromm. I'm not certain about this. We may be saying something entirely different than we're saying somewhere else, but I think we should keep talking about it, one way or the other, off the floor or on the floor.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We are discussing the Bromm amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1021. Senator Chambers, on that amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I have an amendment that I was going to offer to Senator Bromm's, and we will work these things over at a future time. But, I do not think that it would be unreasonable to have lobbyists report how much they give to each one of us. They're the ones giving it. We don't have to make the determination. And if a lobbyist gives me something Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and he says, that's too much paperwork, then just stop giving me things. There are some senators who accept many offerings, not because they got the hand out asking for it, but they don't want to just tell people don't...I don't want it. But if the paperwork became too burdensome, then let lobbyists reduce the number of things they give us and reduce the number of cattle feeds that they convene. But I'm going to go into a little more detail about what I was mentioning this morning. Former Senator Marge Higgins is the